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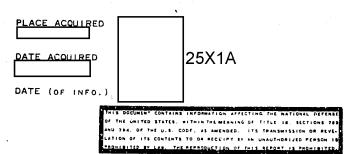
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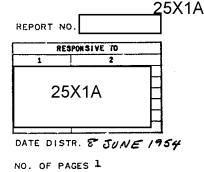
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- This is a fully protected harbor located at Cutuco Point on the western arm of the Gulf of Ponseca in Lat 13° 20' 05" N Long 87° 50' 21" W HO Chart 1. 973. It is the principal port of entry of El Salvador.
- Cutuco Wharf is located 4 3/4 miles from the harbor entrance, is of steel 2. and concrete construction and lies in an east and west direction. It is primarily used for dry cargo handling surposes, with Esso having pipe lines on the morth side of the dock and Calso using the south side, where the Texas Company product is also discharged. The dock lies at an angle contrary to the set of the current, thich sets through the dock at 35° angle, requiring vessels to dock on slack tide periods. There is 23 ft at low tide at the inner end of the north side berth and 26 ft at the outer end. T-2 type vessels can deliver cargoes here at this draft but must moor on the north side of the dock and limit their draft to 23 ft forward and 26 ft aft. In the south side perth where the M/V "Cristobal" discharges, the water depths are less, namely; 19 to 21 it. The dock is owned and operated by IRCA and the resident supervisor of marine accivities is Capt F J Baron who also acts as pilot when vessels request his services as such. maximum allowable draft must enter the harbor on the near high tide and dock on high water slack; because at some sections of the channel there is 25 ft at low tide. Maximum spring range of tide is 10.5 ft and means 5.7. It is advisable for large vessels bound to this port to employ the services of the pilot, Capt P J Baron who will board vessels at Conchoquito Island and also attend to docking and undocking of vessels. Vessels requiring such service must radio Guaraileo, La Union.
- 3. During November to May, strong northerly winds with clear weather are experienced. From May to November during the rainy season, strong squalls (commonly called "Chubascos") accompanied by thunder and lightning frequently prevail during the night and vessels must take precautions to see that they are securely moored while discharging. Mooring facilities are excellent. Since this pier is also used for handling general cargo, some delays 1 be experienced in waiting berth. There are no tugs available at Cutuco. Fuel "C", diesel oil, fresh water and provisions can be obtained

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